

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported:

- He spoke to Duane Meyer from INDOT concerning a truck route. A meeting will be scheduled in March. INDOT requested to have a representative from the Police Department, Fire Department, and the Street Department attend. Pavey will confirm the date when he receives it.
- The Budget Retreat is scheduled for February 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Mike Harmless, of Crowe Harworth will present the program.
- There will be a retreat "Economic Development 101" for local officials and appointees on February 22, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Rush Shelby Building. There will also be an all-day Economic Planning retreat on Thursday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at River Point Office Suites.
- A letter has been sent to 3 properties on Conrad Harcourt Way earlier regarding the sidewalk program.
- The insurance renewal meetings will take place this Thursday at Council Chambers. There will be a meeting at 11:00 a.m. and one at 1:00 p.m.
- Pavey spoke with Jerry Montgomery from INDOT concerning the double yellow line south on Highway 3 and whether or not you could cross the double yellow line. The State Highway said that it is acceptable to cross the line. Another concern was the timing of the lights at 11<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets. The State will check the timing.
- This past weekend the City of Rushville participated in the Fayette, Rush, Henry NAACP program.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copley passed out a tax abatement workbook from Emerson Corporation.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bridges said there is a problem with the lights at 3 and 52. The light does not change properly. INDOT said they were not aware there was a problem. INDOT said there should

be a pad in place. Bridges said he checked and did not see a pad. INDOT will be in town tomorrow and check out the situation.

They will also check the lights at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Fire – Jenkins passed out a revised hiring option for review.

There will be a conference call on February 28<sup>th</sup> on the Community Energy Study.

**Animal** – Moran said they will be having an adoption event at TSE in Greensburg on March 10 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The shelter has started a new segment on WIFE radio on Thursday's at 3:00 p.m. featuring the pet of the week.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

Melissa Conrad said the speed limit south of the bridge on Main Street is still 20 mile an hour. She asked if it would change back to the original speed. Pavey said it should be changed back after the final inspection.

Sheehan asked about the construction signs. Pavey said they will also be removed after the final inspection.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Emerson Extension** - Pavey spoke with Ray Weber from Emerson, and Weber explained that if he is not granted the extension then he will have to put in an estimate on his CF1 and if the numbers are not close enough then he will have to go back and resubmit the report. He said he prefers to wait and make sure the numbers are correct and not have to resubmit the paper work. Berkemeier said he would like to make a blanket statement as to tax abatement policy. He stated that we really need to do a very good job of scrutinizing compliance forms and the abatement policy that we have, to make sure the return for the City and the tax payers is something that makes that abatement beneficial. Smith said it appears that Emerson has a good history with the City. Smith made a motion to give Emerson an extension until the end of May. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Trash Ordinance 2012-5** – Smith questioned section 51.99 regarding the Ordinance Violation Bureau. Bridges explained that the Clerk-Treasurer is the Ordinance Violation Bureau and this was done under his administration. Bridges questioned the notification period. Newhouse said it was a 5 day notice after certified mail.

Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-5. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Small Purchase Police Ordinance 2012-4** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-4. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Confidentiality Report** – Pavey said he had received some of the confidentiality agreements. He asked for the remaining Council members to get them to him as soon as possible.

**Drainage South of Town** – We are still waiting on Judge Northam to appoint a replacement for Joe Keith. Butler Fairman and the drainage board are looking into a tillable swale resolution.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Transfer Resolution 2012-1** – Bridges made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2012-1 transferring monies in the Fire Department budget.

**Traffic Concerns** – Councilman Conner received a concern in the Circleville area at Rivercrest and Willard Avenue. Citizens would like the City to consider a stop sign. It was decided to refer this to the Police for a study of the area. Chief Tucker said he would report back within 30 days.

**Personal Policy Handbook Revisions** – Pavey handed out revisions to the Personal Policy Handbook for review. He informed Council that the Board of Works tabled making a decision on the revision.

**Hire Animal Shelter Employee** – Pavey explained that this matter was brought before the Board of Works. He stated that due to a specific pay request he will be checking the salary ordinance and the budget.

**Claims** – Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resignation** – Mayor Pavey reported that the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Communication Officer Adam Buckley.

**Smile Fund** – Sheehan thanked Councilman Berkemeier and Grant Reeves for their offer to match up to \$500 worth of donations through February 29<sup>th</sup>. Today 2 big donations were received. To date there is \$8,000.00 cash in hand. They have a pledge of \$1,000.00 from the Saint Patrick's Day Committee. He is hoping they will have approximately \$10,000.00

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donated by spring for the downtown façade program. Sheehan reminded everyone that this is not the Sheehan Fund it is the Heart of Rushville Fund and is meant to help make a difference downtown and improve the appearance of the downtown area.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

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CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

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BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER